

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 457

Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the Chinese New Year
or Spring Festival.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2008

Mr. REID submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed
to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the
Chinese New Year or Spring Festival.

Whereas the Chinese New Year is celebrated on the second
new moon following the winter solstice;

Whereas February 7, 2008, marks the first day of the Chi-
nese New Year for 2008, also known as the Year of the
Rat or the Year of Wu Zi;

Whereas the Chinese New Year festivities begin on the first
day of the first lunar month and end 15 days later with
the celebration of the Lantern Festival;

Whereas there are approximately 3,500,000 Chinese-Ameri-
cans in the United States, many of whom will be com-
memorating this important occasion;

Whereas this day will be marked by celebrations throughout our country as Chinese-Americans gather to watch the dragon and lion dances; and

Whereas the United States Postal Service will debut a new stamp series for the 12 animals in the Chinese calendar on February 9, 2008, with the series continuing through 2019: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the cultural and historical signifi-
3 cance of the Chinese New Year or Spring Festival;

4 (2) in observance of the Chinese New Year, ex-
5 presses its deepest respect for Chinese-Americans
6 and all those throughout the world who will be cele-
7 brating this significant occasion; and

8 (3) wishes Chinese-Americans and all those who
9 observe this holiday a happy and prosperous new
10 year.

